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Disposal Potential of
Volunteer Freedom Corps and Proposed Migration Act of 1953

25X1C 1. Voluntary Freedom Corps: This project has now been approved by the NSC for development. It visualizes the formation of escapees into military elements under the administration of the United States Army. Its criteria for eligibility will be less restrictive than that applied to the Lodge Bill, but personality and security cases likely to present serious problems cannot be considered under this program. The reaction of key NATO countries and Congressional leaders must be obtained before this project can be presented for legislative approval and funds. It is a high priority item and will be pressed, but [REDACTED] must be viewed with considerable caution. If the project is agreeable to key NATO countries, it should offer an opportunity for all military trained and security cleared defectors. At present, this is a rather big "if". The question will be resolved in the immediate future. Since the project is viewed as especially sensitive pending talks with NATO and Congressional leaders, and it is requested that your office handle any reference to it accordingly.

25X1C 2. The President's Proposed Migration Act of 1953: This proposal is supported by very prominent Congressional leaders and carries the President's personal backing. It is being opposed mainly on the basis of possible security risks. If legislative action along the line proposed can be obtained, it will authorize some 15,000 entries of Iron Curtain nationals and should accommodate the resettlement of some [REDACTED] presently held up due to lack of quotas. A special quota for 110,000 expellees and escapees of ethnic German origin is also included. Stimulating the adoption of new immigration programs in other countries is one objective of the President's proposal, and this

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